GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is providing or proposed to provide any assistance to the State Governments for the development of agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the programmes being implemented with the help of the said aid in the country specially in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;

(d) the extent of increase in agricultural production registered in various States of the country; and

(e) the position of agricultural production in Rajasthan in proportion thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. At present, 7 World Bank-assisted, agriculture sector related projects are being implemented in certain selected states of the country under the administrative control of this Ministry, viz. Ministry of Agriculture, as per details given at Annexure. In addition, 3 such agriculture sector-based projects have also been completed during the previous calendar year 2000, as per details given in the above mentioned Annexure.

At present, none of the above mentioned World Bank-assisted, agriculture sector based projects are operational in the states of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. However, the World Bank-assisted, agriculture development project was operational in the state of Rajasthan till 30th September, 2000.

(d) & (e): It is not possible to quantify the precise extent of increase in agricultural production registered in various states of the country as a direct result of the implementation of various World Bank assisted, agriculture sector related projects. However, various World Bank assisted projects, on the whole, have impact in terms of increase in cropping intensity and the productivity of various crops grown therein and augmentation of the income of the local population, from various agriculture based activities, such as, Crop Husbandry, Agro-forestry, Sodic Land Reclamation, Fish Culture, Watershed Development, Agriculture Extension, Drylandfarming, Horticulture, Livestock development, varietal development of seeds and minor irrigation related facilities, infrastructural buildup of the rural roads, marketing structure etc.

Annexure

Projectwise details of recently completed/on-going agriculture sector related World Bank assisted Projects in Indian Agriculture Sector.

(in million dollars)

S.No Name of the Project Credit effective date Closing date States in which project is in operation Project Cost World Bank Loan/ Credit

I - Projects Completed during previous calendar year, 2000.

1. Bihar Plateau Development Project 07.12.1992 30.06.2000 Bihar (undivided) 132.20 117.00

2. Agriculture Development project (Rajasthan) 17.12.1992 30.09.2000 Rajasthan 130.30 106.00

1. 3. Shrimp and Fish Culture Project 29.01.1992 31.12.2000 Andhra Pradesh;

2. Bihar;

3. Orissa;

4. Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. 40.00 36.487

II - On-going Projects

4. U.P. Sodic Land Reclamation Project-Phase I. 24.06.1993 31.03.2001 U.P. & Uttaranchal 82.00 54.700
5. U.P. Diversified Agricultural Support project 30.07.1998 31.03.2004 Uttar Pradesh 160.50 129.900
6. U.P. Sodic Land Reclamation project; Phase-II 04.02.1999 30.09.2005 Uttar Pradesh 286.60 194.100

1. 7. Integrated Watershed Development Project 14.07.1999 31.03.2005 Haryana ;
(Hills); Phase – II.

2. H.P.;

3. J&K;

4. Punjab and

5. Uttaranchal 193.00 135.184
8. Assam Rural Infrastructure & Agri. 06.06.1995 31.12.2003 Assam 146.60 126.00
Services Project

1. 9. Agriculture Human Resource Development Project 11.04.1995 Extended upto 31.12.2001 Andhra Pradesh;

2. Haryana and 3. Tamil Nadu. 74.2 59.500

1. 10. National Agricultural Technology Project 22.06.1998 31.12.2003 Andhra Pradesh;

2. Himachal Pradesh;

3. Maharashtra;

4. Bihar & Jharkhand;

5. Punjab; and Orissa. 239.70 196.800